Pre-Shipment Documentation Procedure

4771. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new standardised pre-shipment documentation procedure which came into force from October 1, 1991 is adversely affecting the exporters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make it easier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The new procedure will be reviewed bi-monthly by the Export Facilitation Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director General of International Trade, set-up in the Office of DGIT by meeting the representatives of the exporting organisations, customs department and the administrative ministries and departments.

Widening of Mumbai-Ahmedabad Section of National Highway No. 8

4772. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey to widen the Mumbai-Ahmedabad section of National Highway No. 8 to four lanes has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). Survey and Investigations along National Highways for four laning is a continuing activity being taken up in phases for advance planning, fixation of alignment, project preparation etc. Out of the 502 km length of NH 8 from Mumbai to Ahmedabad, 35 kms are already four-lane and widening to four lanes is in progress in various stages in 101 kms. In addition, surveys for 4-laning have been completed in different sections aggregating to 86 kms. estimates for these works are yet to be finalised and sanctioned. As such, it is too early to indicate the date of their start.

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Recruitment in Armed Forces

4773. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed for recruitments made in the various wings of the Army, Navy and the Air Force in the country during the first eight months of the year 1991;

(b) whether written tests were held for these recruitments;

(c) if so, the medium of examinations; and

(d) whether option of Indian languages, particularly Hindi was given?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.